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SUBJECT: SPINOLA VISA APPLICATION

REF: STATE 84094

1. IN ADDITION TO TECHNICAL POINTS RAISED IN REFTTEL, WE WOULD
ADD THE FOLLOWING:

-- RECENT PUBLICATION IN GERMAN MAGAZINE "STERN" OF ALLEGED
INTERVIEW WITH SPINOLA HAS AGAIN MADE FORMER PRESIDENT A CENTER
OF CONTROVERSY HERE. HIS ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF THE "STERN" ARTICLE WOULD FEED
CONSPIRACY THEORIES HERE. THE LEFT WOULD HAVE A FIELD DAY
LINKING U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF SPINOLA WITH ALLEGED U.S.
INVOLVEMENT IN RIGHTWING PLOTTING.

-- SPINOLA'S ENTRY INTO THE U.S. WOULD BE UNHELPFUL IN OUR
RELATIONS WITH "OPERATIONALS" WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES,
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PARTICULARLY THOSE KEY MEMBERS WHO WERE VICTIMIZED BY

THE "STERN" ARTICLE. MILITARY LEADERSHIP HAS REACTED STRONGLY TO "STERN" ALLEGATIONS, CHARGING THEY ARE PART OF LEFTIST EFFORT TO DISCREDIT ARMED FORCES COMMANDERS.

-- SPINOLA'S TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES DURING FINAL WEEKS OF ELECTION CAMPAIGN HERE WOULD INCREASE LIKELIHOOD THAT BOTH SPINOLA AND THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE INJECTED IN THE CAMPAIGN. HIS ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS IN U.S. WOULD BE CAREFULLY SCRUTINIZED HERE. IN SUM, TRAVEL OF SPINOLA TO THE UNITED STATES COULD NOT COME AT A MORE UNHELPFUL TIME.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF SPINOLA'S STATUS.
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